UNIT 10 People & Opinions

Reading 1 The Architecture of Wright

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We can all name ① dozens of famous singers, actors, and athletes, but how many famous architects can you think of? If you're like ⓐ the majority of people, probably not many. In fact, if you ask one hundred people, "Who is the most famous architect?" they might all give the ⓑ same answer—Frank Lloyd Wright. Frank Lloyd Wright once said, "I intend ② to be the greatest architect of all time." So far, maybe he is.

Some architects design a building by thinking about ③ what they want the building to look like. But Wright's stance was that _____. In this ⓒ belief, he was influenced by his mentor, Louis Sullivan, who liked to say that "form follows function." Wright took the idea ④ further and ⓓ invested the philosophy of organic architecture, meaning that a building's design should come from its natural surroundings. He ⓔ rejected using standard ideas of design and ⑤ believing that the design of each building must be contemplated individually.

1. Which of the following ①~⑤ is grammatically incorrect?

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

2. What is the closest meaning of the "form follows function"?

① a building should have a beautiful shape
② architects should build buildings that are beneficial to people's health
③ a building should serve its purpose more than offering a beautiful appearance
④ form precedes function
⑤ form and function must be harmonized

3. Which of the underlined words ⓐ ~ ⓑ is NOT suitable to the context?

① ⓐ

② ⓑ

③ ⓒ

④ ⓓ

⑤ ⓔ

4. Choose the words that best fit in the blank.

① the purpose of the building must fit the design
② architecture must be in harmony with the environment
③ the design should fit the purpose of the building
④ buildings should be built with safety first
⑤ buildings should be built to be easy to use

Wright also used natural building materials. He once said, “Buildings, too, are children of Earth and Sun,” so he chose materials with natural colors and textures. The result was the integration of his buildings with their surroundings.

Wright’s masterpiece is a house (A) [calling / called] Fallingwater, built on a waterfall near Bear Run, Pennsylvania. In accordance with his organic philosophy of architecture, Wright planned this house to be in harmony with its environment. _____(D)_____, the structure is built from sandstone found in the nearby area. “Study nature; love nature; stay close to nature. It will never fail you,” Wright once said.

Wright was very proud of Fallingwater. He expressed its unity with nature by saying that rocks, forest, and water are combined so (C) [perfectly / perfect] with his building that “You listen not to any noise whatsoever although the music of the stream is there. But you listen to Fallingwater the way you listen to the quiet of the country.” _____(E)_____, the building seems to ⑤ merge with the surrounding environment.

Wright designed around 1,000 buildings in his life, though fewer than 500 were built. Among his best-known works, the Guggenheim Museum in New York City is notable. The principle of “form follows function” is ③ difficult to see in the Guggenheim’s round structure. Visitors first take an elevator to the top of the building, and then they view the art without ④ interruption as they (B) [descend / descending] the spiral ramp.

Construction of the Guggenheim Museum was ① delayed several times. Though Wright accepted the job in 1943, the building was not finished until October 1959. Unfortunately, Wright never got to see the ② completed project. In April 1959, he had surgery and died a few days later.

5. What is true according to the passage?

① Wright wanted to separate his architects from the nature.
② Wright’s best work is built in Pennsylvania.
③ Visitors to Fallingwater could not hear anything.
④ Guggenheim is the only well know architecture of Wright’s life.
⑤. Wright saw his finished work of Guggenheim.

6. Which of the following (A), (B), and (C) pairs of brackets is grammatical?

	(A)	(B)	(C)
①	called	descend	perfectly
②	called	descending	perfect
③	calling	descend	perfectly
④	calling	descending	perfectly
⑤	calling	descend	perfect

7. Choose the correct words for (D) and (E).

	(D)	(E)
①	Likewise	Rather
②	At the same time	Simultaneously
③	For example	In other words
④	In conclusion	Similarly
⑤	In addition	For example

8. Which of the following underlined words is NOT suitable to the context?

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

The Legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright

Frank Lloyd Wright's influence on his country's architecture will probably last forever. American homes have been strongly influenced by Wright. He believed that American homes should represent American lifestyles. Some say that Wright created a unique American style of architecture in which native materials were used in buildings.

In order to keep his new style of architecture alive, Wright passed it on to his students. He worked and taught at his home in Wisconsin, called Taliesin. The students studied, worked, and lived in shelters they made from native materials. They also took care of crops in order to become "closer" to the land. If students were familiar with the land, Wright believed, they would be better able to choose proper materials when designing.

In 1937, Wright opened a second school called Taliesin West in Arizona. Arizona was a warm place to escape to from cold Wisconsin. Eventually, the school permanently moved to Arizona.

In 2007, Taliesin West celebrated its eightieth birthday. It is now the main campus of the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. Today, people continue to learn about architecture by visiting the school and studying the buildings left there by Wright and his students.

9. What is most likely the title of the paragraph?

① Wright's Impact on Building Houses in the United States
② The Purpose of the School Founded by Wright
③ Wright Respected by Students
④ The Impact of Wright's Philosophy of Education on America
⑤ Wright's Influence on American Homes-building and His Efforts to Continue His Architectural Philosophy

10. What is NOT true, according to the passage?

① Wright believed that American homes should show the American lifestyle.
② Wright delivered it to his students to keep his architectural philosophy alive.
③ The students grew crops to get closer to the land where they lived.
④ The students thought that if they became more familiar with the land, they would be able to choose the right materials when designing the building.
⑤ Even today, many people visit the school and study the buildings there to learn about architecture.

Reading 2 Streaming Services: Helpful or Harmful?

Streaming Services: Helpful or Harmful?

Video-streaming services such as Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, and YouTube have made finding things to watch (A) [more easily / easier] than ever before. Most people ① praise these services for their convenience. However, there are consequences to streaming services that need to be taken into account. _____(D)_____, the reliability of the information on shows is starting to decrease as ② different companies apply different standards to their content. Streaming services are also problematic because their curation systems often keep people (B) [experiencing / from experiencing] new genres and ideas. And worst of all, streaming services can even facilitate the ③ increase of social relationships.

There are plenty of great shows on streaming platforms. Unfortunately, _____(E)_____, there are also a lot of bad ones. And by bad, I mean harmful. These shows can incite violence, promote bad science, or spread biased journalism. To illustrate, a show that affirms pseudoscientific practices like energy healing and the use of medical mediums (people who claim they speak with spirits for medical advice) as ④ alternatives to science-based medicine can cause lots of unintentional harm. Granted, these shows aren't a recent phenomenon. They existed on traditional broadcast television as well. But the ⑤ growth in the frequency and availability of this type of content (C) [is / are] rising because of streaming services.

11. Which of the following (A), (B), and (C) pairs of brackets is grammatical?

	(A)	(B)	(C)
①	easier	from experiencing	is
②	easier	experiencing	are
③	more easily	from experiencing	are
④	more easily	from experiencing	is
⑤	more easily	experiencing	is

12. Which of the following underlined words is NOT suitable to the context?

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

13. Choose the correct words for (D) and (E).

	(D)	(E)
①	Therefore	by contrast
②	Therefore	at last
③	For instance	though
④	In fact	in effect
⑤	That is to say	in the end

14. What is most likely the title of the paragraph?

① Advantages of Video Streaming Services
② The Future of Video Streaming Services
③ Sound Alternative to Video Streaming Services
④ Disadvantages of Video Streaming Services
⑤ The Fun of Watching Various Things on TV

Streaming services don't just host shows. They also offer recommendations based on your viewing history. This can be very (A) [inconvenient / convenient] but also very ① limiting. Platforms that utilize targeted advertising and curation tend to direct users toward content focused on a very narrow set of topics and viewpoints. For some, this goes unnoticed or is ② seen as a minor inconvenience. But this type of targeting can become (B) [useful / harmful] when it leads a person down a path towards fringe groups such as anti-vaxxers (people opposed to vaccinations) and then continues to provide content that reinforces these radical ideas.

Although some criticize traditional broadcast television for its inconvenience, it ③ does provide people with common ground. People bond by watching television together and talking about their favorite shows. Broadcast television gives families a reason to gather together and ④ allow friends and coworkers to connect over shared interests. Sadly, though, streaming services have contributed to the decline in these kinds of (C) [meaningful / meaningless] interactions. Since streamed shows are available on demand, there's no reason to wait to watch them with friends or family. There's also no reason to go out of your way to see the first airing or to catch a rerun. Smart devices allow every family member to watch whatever they want, whenever they want. While convenient in some cases, this works to divide a family's tastes and interests further.

At a glance, video-streaming services are incredible. They're so convenient. They revitalize canceled shows and keep us from having to wait for reruns. But every rose ⑤ has its thorn. The time has come to think and act responsibly about what we view and how we view it.

15. Which of the following ①~⑤ is grammatically incorrect?

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

16. What is NOT true, according to the passage?

① Streaming services are recommended based on many people's viewing records.
② The recommendation of streaming services is convenient but it tends to make people see only limited topics.
③ Traditional broadcasting is a little uncomfortable, but it provides people with a common interest.
④ Streaming services have reduced meaningful relationships by providing and recommending services tailored to individual interests.
⑤ We must act and think responsibly about what we see and how we see it.

17. Choose the correct words for (A), (B), and (C).

	(A)	(B)	(C)
①	inconvenient	useful	meaningful
②	convenient	harmful	meaningful
③	inconvenient	harmful	meaningless
④	convenient	useful	meaningless
⑤	inconvenient	harmful	meaningful

18. What is most likely the title of the paragraph?

① Why Streaming Services Are Convenient?
② The Future of Streaming Services
③ The Dangers of Racial Discrimination
④ Variety of Tastes and Smart Devices
⑤ Disadvantages of Streaming Services

From Courtroom to Living Room

True-crime documentaries can be a fascinating look into a country's justice system. They can also be a useful tool to bring the public's attention to injustices. New evidence revealed in several documentaries has even led to innocent people being released from prison. The Thin Blue Line, released in 1988, focused on one such case. It told the story of Randall Dale Adams, a man imprisoned for the murder of a police officer in Texas. The documentary called the handling of Adams's case into question. A year after the documentary's release, Adams was granted a new trial, and his charges were dropped.

Thanks to the growth of video-streaming services, more true-crime documentaries are being produced than ever before. Netflix has created several popular true-crime shows, including Making a Murderer, which details the trial and conviction of Steven Avery. After watching the first season of the show, which questioned the evidence against Avery, a viewer named Kathleen Zellner decided to help Avery change the court's decision. Zellner is a lawyer, and her efforts to get Avery released became the focus of the documentary's second season.

Helping to build public awareness of injustices is definitely a benefit of having more true-crime shows. But are there any disadvantages? Perhaps there are. _____(A)_____ streaming platforms compete to produce fresh content and gain more viewers, the quality of research into such criminal cases will likely begin to fall. _____(B)_____, courts might find themselves flooded with attempts to free people who are, in fact, guilty.

19. What is most likely the title of the 1st paragraph?

① The Distortion of Criminal Documentaries
② Adams' Touching Life Story
③ Disadvantages of True-crime Documentaries
④ The Need for Criminals to Have Social Attention
⑤ True-Crime Documentaries Drawing Social Attention

20. Choose the correct words for (A) and (B).

	(A)	(B)
①	Unless	In conclusion
②	If	Above all
③	As	As a result
④	Although	Therefore
⑤	While	However

Answer Key

1. ⑤

2. ③

3. ④

4. ③

5. ②

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